

## Sec. 2-327. Purpose.

(a) There shall be a policy to improve the availability of food to persons in need within the city, and there shall be a food policy advisory commission.

(b) The purpose of the policy shall be to integrate all agencies of the city in a common effort to improve the availability of safe and nutritious food at reasonable prices for all residents, particularly those in need. The goals to be accomplished by the policy are:

(1) To ensure that a wide variety of safe and nutritious food is available for city residents;

(2) To ensure that access to the safe and nutritious food is not limited by economic status, location or other factors beyond a resident's control; and

(3) To ensure that the price of food in the city remains reasonably close to the average price existing in the balance of the state.

(c) The policy shall be implemented by the city as follows:

(1) *Transportation.* In planning, providing, coordinating and regulating transportation within the city, city agencies shall make the facilitation of transportation of food to distribution points and ready access to a reasonable food supply a principal part of any such action.

(2) *Direct service.* City agencies and employees providing food or the financial means of obtaining food shall plan, execute and evaluate such programs and actions in order to achieve maximum efficiency in providing food and to assure that such programs are reaching the residents in need of them.

(3) *Land use.* City agencies and employees in determining the use to be made of city parks, school yards, rights-of-way, surplus properties and redevelopment parcels shall give special consideration to the benefit of using such sites, at least in part, for food production, processing and distribution. The city, on a regional level, shall act to preserve farmland for truck farming which will serve as a nearby source of fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and milk.

(4) *Lobbying and advocacy.* The city in its presentations before state and federal legislatures, state and regional agencies and anti-hunger organizations shall stress the need for programs and actions which will improve the opportunities of city residents to obtain adequate diets. Such programs and actions shall include maintenance of the state and regional agricultural infrastructure.

(5) *Referrals to social services.* City social service workers shall be especially diligent in referring persons in need of available sources of food best suited for their needs.

(6) *Education.* The city in providing a wide range of educational opportunities for adults shall emphasize the importance of a sound diet for the family and provide courses in the production, selection, purchase, preparation and preservation of food.

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(7) *Business development.* The city in its work of developing new businesses and expanding existing businesses shall give priority to those food-related businesses improving access to affordable and nutritional food.

(8) *Operational and health inspections.* The city in its role of maintaining the quality and healthfulness of the food supply shall take into account that licensing and inspection can seriously burden small businesses, and a policy shall be followed providing a reasonable balance between protection of the food supply and the negative financial impact upon needed food-related small businesses.

(9) *Direct and indirect purchase of food.* The city government, in its role as a major food purchaser from local outlets, and administrator of food assistance programs, shall consider that its purchasing decisions can affect the viability of producers and vendors, and shall consider such impact in making purchasing decisions.

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(10) *Support of private efforts.* The city in providing funding for private efforts to assist people in obtaining food and in communicating with organizations engaged in such private efforts shall encourage, promote and maximize such efforts.

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(11) *Emergency food supplies.* The city in its emergency planning function shall provide for an adequate reserve supply of food to be available at reasonable prices if the city's and region's supply of food were to be interrupted and shall periodically reassess its ability to provide such special supply.

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(12) *Monitoring and communicating data.* The city shall continuously collect data on the extent and nature of public food programs and hunger in the city and shall quarterly issue a report with findings and recommendations to the food policy advisory commission.

(13) *Administration.* The [city manager] Mayor in administering the affairs of the city shall seek ways of improving the means of providing persons in need with wholesome food and diets and shall work with the commission to combat hunger in attaining its goals.

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(14) *Intergovernmental cooperation.* The food policy advisory commission shall have the cooperation of all departments in the city in the performance of its duties. All departments shall supply the commission with all information and reports requested in order that the goals of the city and the commission may be realized. The city shall provide clerical services to the commission as needed.

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**Sec. 2-328. Membership.**

The food policy advisory commission shall consist of fifteen (15) members who shall serve for three-year terms without compensation and be appointed by the mayor [, with the approval of the council]. Of the fifteen (15) members first appointed, five (5) shall be appointed for terms of one (1) year, five (5) for terms of two (2) years and five (5) for terms of three (3) years. Of the fifteen (15) members, [one (1) shall be the city manager or his/her designee,] one (1) shall be the mayor or his/her designee, nine (9) of such members shall be persons actively engaged in programs for combating hunger and improving the production, processing and distribution of food to persons in need and shall include representatives from the food, industry, consumers, dietitians, the city administration and public and private nonprofit food providers, and five (5) of such members shall be persons chosen from the public at large. City employees and persons not residing in the city shall be eligible for membership in the commission. The mayor shall annually designate one (1) member to act as chairperson. The commission shall meet at least once per month. A quorum shall consist of eight (8) members. The [mayor,] director of the Department of Health and Human Services [social services and director of health] or [their] his/her designee[s], shall be an ex officio member[s] of the commission with the right to vote. Members and officers shall serve until their successors are appointed.

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